

REMARKS

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Schein et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,075,575; hereafter "Schein"). Independent claim 1, as amended, calls for a system having a graphical user interface which provides information in a visual form about television programming and a voice user interface which responds to voice requests from the user. The graphical user interface and the voice user interface communicate such that the focus of one of the interfaces is communicated to the other.

The Examiner concedes that neither Schein nor Tomitsuka et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,566,271; hereafter "Tomitsuka") teach or suggest the graphical user interface and the voice user interface communicating such that the focus of one of the interfaces is communicated to the other.

Neither Schein, Tomitsuka, nor Mueller et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,009,398; hereafter "Mueller") suggests combining to achieve the claimed invention. Mueller has nothing to do with television programming, and none of the above-mentioned references includes any motivation, suggestion, or teaching of the desirability of making the specific combination made by the Applicant. Accordingly, because a *prima facie* obviousness rejection has not been established, the Applicant requests that the rejection of independent claim 1, as amended, be withdrawn.

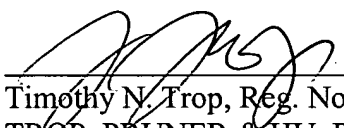
Independent claims 14 and 23, both as amended, recite limitations similar to those of independent claim 1, as amended, and therefore also distinguish over Schein for at least the same reasons set forth above with respect to independent claim 1, as amended.

In view of these remarks, the application should now be in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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